

ALLOWANCE

1. This Office action is in response to an Amendment filed February 1, 2008.
2. The Examiner would like to thank the Applicant for the well-presented responses that were useful in the examination process. The Examiner appreciates the effort to carefully analyze the Office actions and make appropriate amendments and arguments.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1 - 22 are allowed over the prior art of record.
4. A statement of reasons for allowable subject matter was made in the Office action dated November 26, 2007.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Russ Guill whose telephone number is 571-272-7955.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday 9:30 AM – 6:00 PM.

6. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paul Rodriguez can be reached on 571-272-3753. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC2100 Group Receptionist: 571-272-2100.

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